



## 2007 N.C. HISTORIC SITES CALENDAR OF EVENTS



**Admission is free to most events unless otherwise noted.** Donations are always accepted and appreciated. Please check this calendar regularly for changes, including additions and cancellations. For more information on specific programs, please contact the individual historic sites. Phone numbers for each state historic site, along with web page and email addresses can be found on this web site.

*Third Friday of each month* **Bennett Place.** Civil War Cinema. Various Civil War themed movies shown at the site. 7 p.m.

*January* **Historic Edenton.** Family connections themed tours of Iredell House & Cupola House. Offered Monday-Saturday. *Fee charged.* For details, call 252-482-2637.

*January 1 -June 30* **Historic Bath.** Exhibit. "Swindell's Store: More Than Groceries -- The Flavor of the Rural General Store." Using documents, photographs and memorabilia, this exhibit traces the history of Swindell's Store. Visitor Center.

*January 6, 20* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

*January 11* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Parlor Talk: "New Bern Under Occupation." Presented by Tryon Palace interpreter Paul Switzer. In 1862, the Union Army took possession of New Bern and it remained occupied for the duration of the Civil War. Learn about the dynamics of life in wartime New Bern and the many diverse people who experienced the war here. Bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. Commission House Parlor. 12 p.m.

*January 13* **Historic Bath.** Lecture: "A Day of Blood at Wilmington: The 1898 Race Riot". Bath native LeRae Umfleet of the Research Branch of the Office of Archives and History will talk about her research on the 1898 Wilmington Race Riot and its consequences. Co-sponsored by the Historic Bath Book Club. Visitor Center. 10 a.m.

*January 13* **Ft. Fisher.** 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Commemoration of Second Battle. Program on the role of Federal and Confederate navies at the fort. Staff and volunteers dressed in Civil War period sailor uniforms give special talks and demonstrations. 10 a.m.-4 p.m..

*January 13, 27* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

*January 18* **Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Lion in Winter* (1968). England's King Henry II (Peter O'Toole) and his dysfunctional family gather on Christmas Eve to decide who will inherit the throne. Henry fancies youngest son John (Nigel Terry), but his iron-willed spouse (Katherine Hepburn) thinks the crown should go to eldest son Richard the Lionhearted (Anthony Hopkins). What ensues is a bitter battle of wills that strains every family bond of love and trust. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

*January 18* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Lecture Series: "Civil Rights to Black Power: The 1960s Revisited." Rev. Nelson Johnson, civil rights activist during the 1960s and 1970s, and present-day champion of social justice, has spent his life emphasizing faith, diversity, justice and democracy. In this lecture, he revisits the turbulent years of the Civil Rights Movement and reflects on the different manifestations of African American activism. Visitor Center Auditorium. 7 p.m.

*January 21* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Walking Tour Series. Instead of venturing out in the cold, come learn about 300 years of New Bern's history in a slide presentation of the African American walking tour in historic downtown New Bern. *Fee charged:* \$4-adults, \$2-students. Visitor Center Auditorium. 2 p.m.

*January 29* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** N.C. History Bowl. Regional Competition. Academic

competition between area eighth-grade students with emphasis on history of North Carolina. Regional winner advances to state championship History Bowl competitions May 16-17. Teams must register in advance. Study guide and history bowl guidelines available. Visitor Center Auditorium. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

*February 2007 N.C. Transportation Museum.* Black History Month Tours. Guided tours and educational programming available for scheduled groups throughout the month. Don't miss the new African American Spencer Shops Workers interactive exhibit in the Roundhouse.

*February 1-28 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.* Black History Month. The museum sponsors a full month of events and activities including lectures, workshops, and exhibits. It will be open on Saturdays throughout the month to accommodate group tours. Groups are encouraged to schedule tours in advance.

*February Historic Stagville.* Black History Month Program. TBA.

*February Historic Stagville.* Special school group activities will be offered during the month of February in celebration of Black History Month. Students will receive a tour of the plantation, with a focus on African American life before the Civil War. They will then participate in two special activities, chosen by the teacher, which will teach them more about African American history. For more information, call Diana Overbey or Jennifer Farley at (919) 620-0120 or visit our website at [www.historicstagvillefoundation.org](http://www.historicstagvillefoundation.org).

*February 3, 17 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.* "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

*February 10 Bentonville Battlefield History Bowl.* Academic competition between area eighth-grade students with emphasis on history of North Carolina. Regional winner advances to state championship History Bowl game in May. Teams must register in advance. Study guide and history bowl guidelines available. Call for information: 910-594-0789.

*February 10, 24 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.* A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

*February 13 Historic Edenton.* N.C. History Bowl. Regional Competition. Academic competition between area eighth-grade students with emphasis on history of North Carolina. Regional winner advances to state championship History Bowl competitions May 16-17. Teams must register in advance. Study guide and history bowl guidelines available. Call Keith Furlough at 252/482-2637 for more information.

*February 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.* African American Lecture: "And Still I Rise" Sandi Ruger presents "And Still I Rise," a collection of black renaissance poetry and spirituals. This successful choir poem was put together using poetry in place of dialogue. It depicts a range of personal black experiences from love to violence to rejection to explosive happiness—all celebrating the universal joy of survival and triumph of the human spirit over adversity. With her production, the director reaches across race to explore the power of poetry and song. Visitor Center Auditorium. 7 p.m.

*February 15 Historic Bath.* Historical Film Series. *Memoirs of a Geisha* (2005). Set in 1929, this tale follows 9-year-old Chiyo, who is sold to a Kyoto geisha house. Chiyo endures harsh treatment from the owners and head geisha Hatsumomo, who's envious of Chiyo's stunning beauty. Rescued by Hatsumomo's rival, Chiyo blooms in her role as a geisha, but World War II threatens to change her privileged life forever. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

*February 17 Duke Homestead.* Courtship and Marriage in the 19<sup>th</sup>-century. Come learn about what men and women looked for in a spouse, what courtship was like, and what marriage meant in the 1800s. Time to be announced.

*February 17-18 Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson.* Ft. Anderson will come alive with five to six artillery pieces and living history demonstrations. Weapons, uniform, drilling and firing demonstrations on both days.

*February 18 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.* African American Walking Tour Series. Instead of venturing out in the cold, come learn about 300 years of New Bern's history in a slide presentation of historic downtown New

Bern's African American walking tour. *Fee charged:* \$4-adults, \$2-students. Visitor Center Auditorium. 2 p.m.

**February 22 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Parlor Talk: "A Birthday Bill of Fare." Presented by Tryon Palace Domestic Skills Manager Shirley Willis. On the anniversary of George Washington's birth, learn about his visit to New Bern and the bounty of local foods that would have been prepared for him. Bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. Commission House Parlor. 12 p.m.

**February 23 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Freedmen's Colony Celebration Concert. Film Theatre. 8 p.m.

**February 24 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Harriet Tubman and the Underground Railroad. This stirring drama with music is a classic tribute to the great American who freed herself and hundreds of her people from the bonds of slavery. Share her adventurous life in this accurate and deeply moving musical history lesson. *Fee charged.* Film Theatre. 2 and 8 p.m.

**February 25 Bennett Place.** African American History Month lecture. (Speaker TBA.) 2-4 p.m.

**February 25 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Samputu & Ingeli. Samputu & Ingeli will drum, dance and perform songs of Rwanda. Having emerged victorious from the fire of Rwandan genocide, Jean Paul Samputu has established himself as one of the most prominent African artists of the world stage. Film Theatre. 2 and 8 p.m.

**March Historic Edenton.** Women's History Month. Student bus tours featuring Harriet Jacobs. *Fee charged.* Reservations required. Call Judy Chilcoat 252/482-2637.

**March N.C. Transportation Museum.** Women's History Month. Guided tours and educational programs available for scheduled groups throughout the month.

**March 1-27 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Tenth Annual Priceless Pieces Past and Present Quilt Extravaganza. Residents of Dare County participate in a community-wide celebration of the art of quilting. Approximately a hundred quilts, both heirloom pieces and new creations, will be on exhibit. Quilting demonstrations and educational displays will also be featured. Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. and Saturday and Sunday, 12- 4 p.m.

**March 3 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Rowan Rides Free. Residents of Rowan County can ride the museum's 25-minute on-site train free, with proof of residency.

**March 3-4 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Roanoke Island 1862-A Civil War Living History Weekend. Program will commemorate the 145th Anniversary of The Battle of Roanoke Island. The seventh annual festival will feature many interactive exhibits, programs and activities for both children and adults. These will include a recruiting station, gun drills, blacksmithing, a 19th century toy display, crafts, boat history, soap carving, capture the flag games, woodworking, music, a living history encampment with 19th century cooking, a quilting display with the local Teacup Quilters, a drawing table showing how art was used in communications during the Civil War, lectures and more. *Fee charged.* 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**March 3 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Scouting Out Tryon Palace. Girl Scouts of all ages can enjoy a fun-filled day of history featuring tours of the palace and three other historic homes, take-home projects, colonial games, and hands-on activities. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy this special Girl Scout day at North Carolina's first capital. Activities are designed for school-age girls; some activities have a minimum age requirement. Girl Scout leaders call the Coastal Carolina Girl Scout Council at 800/558-9297, ext. 118, by February 16 to register. *Fee charged:* \$10 per scout, \$12 per adult. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**March 3-4 Ft. Dobbs.** Scouting the Frontier. In the spring of 1756 North Carolina's Frontier Company was ready to follow the governor's orders and find the spot to erect Ft. Dobbs. This weekend the company will reenact encamping at the chosen area, drill, and prepare to lay out their fort.

**March 3, 17 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**March 7 Pres. James K. Polk State Historic Site.** N.C. History Bowl. Regional Competition. Academic competition between area eighth-grade students with emphasis on history of North Carolina. Regional winner advances to state championship History Bowl competitions May 16-17. Teams must register in advance. Study

guide and history bowl guidelines available. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**March 8 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens,** Parlor Talk: “Is Your Furniture Just like Granny—Old But Well Cared For?” Presented by Tryon Palace Conservator, Dave Taylor. To understand how to care for your pre-World War II furniture, it is important first to understand how furniture gets damaged. Four factors cause most furniture damage: abuse, adverse environmental conditions, improper moving techniques, and poor cleaning practices. Come learn about the wood and finish of your heirlooms, and find out the best techniques for cleaning old furniture. Bring your own lunch; beverages will be provided. Commission House Parlor. 12 p.m.

**March 10, 24, 31 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon’s time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay . 11 a.m.

**March 12 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** N.C. History Bowl. Regional Competition. Academic competition between area eighth-grade students with emphasis on history of North Carolina. Regional winner advances to state championship History Bowl competitions May 16-17. Teams must register in advance. Study guide and history bowl guidelines available.

**March 15 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Last of the Mohicans* (1992). Set against the backdrop of the American frontier, a story of war and romance unfolds as the battle for the colonies is underway. Daniel Day-Lewis as Hawkeye and his adoptive Mohican brethren join a group of British soldiers in an effort to defeat the French and win control of the territories. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**March 16 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Lecture Series: “The Origins of Slave Society in Tidewater Virginia”. Guest Speaker: Bradford J. Wood, Ph.D. This presentation will focus on the growth of slavery in colonial North Carolina from the late 1700s to about the time of the American Revolution. Before 1715 or so, slavery was a pretty marginal, small-scale institution in eastern North Carolina, including interactions with plantation societies, the hardening of racial attitudes, slave trading activities, and the growth of the North Carolina colony as a whole. Visitor Center Auditorium. 7 p.m.

**March 16-18 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** 39<sup>th</sup> Annual Tryon Palace Decorative Arts Symposium, “The Art of Embellishment.” Sponsored by Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens and the University of North Carolina -Greensboro.

**March 17 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Patchwork-The Little House Quilts of Laura Ingalls Wilder. Laura Ingalls Wilder’s tales of outdoor adventure and pioneer spirit have been inspiring children for over 70 years. Born in 1868, Laura traveled across America’s rolling plains in a covered wagon with her family, all the while creating patchwork quilts that related the same adventures that would later inspire her time-honored books. Laura’s quilts still exist today, and their patterns recall her beloved family: her strong and caring Pa, her heroic sister Mary and her warm-hearted Ma. Join the Ingalls as they face the hardships, the triumphs, the wonder and the faith that sustained their journey across the American frontier. *Fee charged.*. Film Theatre. 10:30 a.m. and 2 p.m.

**March 17-18 Bentonville Battlefield.** 142<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary of the Battle of Bentonville. Bentonville Battlefield will present “Artillery Through the Ages”. Visitors will have the opportunity to see the evolution of artillery from the 15<sup>th</sup> century through the American Civil War in the 1860s.

**March 18 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** Celebration of Women’s History Month. First annual event honoring the accomplishments of women in the fields of education and social justice.

**March 18 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens,** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour, Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern’s historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged: \$4-adults, \$2-students.* Reservations required: 252/514-4900. Visitor center lobby. Minimum enrollment of ten. 2 p.m.

**March 25 Bennett Place.** Women’s History Month Lecture. (Speaker TBA.) 2-4 p.m.

**March 30 Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Daffodil Open House. Specific demonstrations and date TBA.

**March 31 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Saturday Sampler: Blacksmithing. An introduction to the

basics of blacksmithing with hands-on instruction and completion of a sample project to take home. *Fee charged: \$20 per person, fee includes materials.* Prepayment and reservations are required. Call 252/514-4935. Class is limited to ten people (minimum enrollment of five). Blacksmith Shop. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**March 31 Horne Creek Living Historical Farm.** Before Easter Baskets, There Were Rabbits' Nests. Turn-of-the-century children had to build a nest where the Easter Hare could leave its candy and eggs in. Come build your own rabbit's nest, dye eggs with natural dyes, and participate in egg-rolling and Easter egg hunts. Remember to bring a basket to take your goodies home. Refreshments available for a nominal fee. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**March 31-April 1, April 6-7 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Easter Bunny Express. Ride the train with the Easter Bunny, who passes out treats. Children can also get their picture taken with the Easter Bunny. *Fee charged.* 9 a.m.- 5 p.m.

**April Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** Lois Mailou Jones First Annual Arts Festival. Annual arts festival and symposium honoring the first art instructor at Palmer Memorial Institute and area African American artists. *(Date TBA)*

**April 2-5 Historic Edenton.** Easter Egg Hunt. Kindergarten students hunt school-provided candy eggs on the grounds of the Iredell House. Reservations required. Call Carolyn Owens at 252/482-2637.

**April 2-27 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Dare County High Schools Art Show. Enjoy the art of students from Manteo, First Flight, Manteo Alternative and Cape Hatteras High Schools. Works are in a variety of media, such as photography, paintings, sculpture and pottery. Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. – 5 p.m.

**April 3 Historic Edenton.** Easter Egg Dyeing. Workshop for second grade students who learn about natural dyes made from flowers, vegetables and animals. Students must bring their own eggs. Reservations required. Call Carolyn Owens at 252/482-2637.

**April 4 Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Living History Wednesday. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate chores typically done on a 19th-century eastern North Carolina farm, along with pastimes. This Wednesday's activities are gardening, open hearth cooking, and plowing. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**April 7, 21 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**April 8 State Capitol.** Easter Sunrise Service. A non-denominational service with musical performances will take place on the east grounds of Union Square. Time TBA.

**April 12 Historic Halifax.** Halifax Day. Annual commemoration of Halifax Resolves, the first written declaration of independence from England made by any American colony. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**April 13, 14, 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Garden Lovers Weekend. Visitors will see the splendor of thousands of tulips in bloom. From 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday and Saturday, visitors will have the opportunity to purchase heirloom plants in the Spring Heritage Plant Sale. Free garden admission. Gardens open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday.

**April 14, 28 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Carriage Bay of Stable Office. 11 a.m.

**April 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged, \$4-adults, \$2-students.* Reservations required. Call 252/514-4900. Minimum enrollment of 10. Visitor Center Lobby. 2 p.m.

**April 18 Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Living History Wednesday. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate chores typically done on a 19th-century eastern North Carolina farm. This Wednesday's activities are spinning and weaving. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**April 19 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Enchanted April* (1991). Join a group of winter-weary Londoners

as they vacation at an Italian villa, where anything can happen...even love! Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**April 21-22 Ft. Dobbs.** War for Empire 1757. This event will commemorate the soldiers, civilians and Indians who were brought together by Ft. Dobbs. Soldiers in the garrison and civilians discuss life during wartime, and preparations for war. The event will feature a recreation of the 1760 attack on the site as well as the site's continuing lecture series.

**April 21 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Classic Studebakers displayed. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**April 22 Duke Homestead.** Revival at the Homestead. Step back in time during this historical representation of a 19<sup>th</sup>-century outdoor church meeting led by a circuit-riding preacher. Costumed interpreters will sing old hymns and present an authentic sermon from the 1800s. The original Duke family home will be open for tours. 1-4 p.m.

**April 24-25 Reed Gold Mine.** Carolina Heritage Festival. During this two-day event, fourth grade students and their teachers will view demonstrations designed to further their comprehension of North Carolina history and our state's resources. *Fee charged* for panning. *Group reservations for panning and underground tours are required.* No charge for other activities. For reservations, call Susan Smith at 704/721-GOLD. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**April 27-28 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Battleship Alive. Watch and interact with World War II living history interpreters as they bring the ship to life by enacting daily duties and drills. An excellent field trip opportunity for families and groups! *Fee charged.* 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**April 28 Bennett Place.** 142nd Anniversary Observance Living History Event. Civil War soldier-life displays, drill demonstrations, domestic skills, music. 10 a.m.- 4 p.m.

**April 28 House in the Horseshoe.** Colonial Militia Muster and Spring Fair. Exhibits of artillery, crafts, and other aspects of 18th century life. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**May N.C. Transportation Museum.** Twentieth Annual Family Rail Days Festival. Experience the bygone days of railroading during this annual event, through living history interpretations, tours of antique rail equipment and other activities. *Fee charged.*

**May 2 Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Living History Wednesday. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate chores typically done on a 19th-century eastern North Carolina farm. This Wednesday's activities are butter making, lye soap making, and candle making. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

**May 4, 11, 18, 25 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Fabulous Fantail Film Festival. Friday evenings in May, enjoy wonderful "Tales of the Sea" films on the deck of the ship, just like her crew did in WWII. *Fee charged: \$1.* Fresh popcorn and sodas available for \$1 too. May 4 -"The Sea Hawk" (1940) Errol Flynn adventure on the high seas. May 11-"A Night to Remember" (1958) Superb British spectacle telling of the "Titanic" disaster. May 18-"Run Silent Run Deep"(1958) Clark Gable and Burt Lancaster on a WWII submarine. May 25-"Mister Roberts" (1955) WWII classic with Henry Fonda, Jack Lemmon, James Cagney. 8:30 p.m.

**May 5 Bentonville Battlefield.** Bentonville Battlefield and the Harper House/Bentonville Chapter of the United Daughters of the Confederacy will celebrate Confederate Memorial day with a speaker, roll call of units and placing of wreaths at the monuments. 11 a.m.

**May 5 Ft. Fisher.** Confederate Memorial Day. Small program done in cooperation with local chapters of the United Daughters and Sons of the Confederacy. Features a wreath laying ceremony at battle acre. 4 p.m.

**May 5 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Homeschool Day, "From Slavery to Freedom." Home-school families enjoy interactive activities as well as tours of the palace and three other historic homes in this popular event. Bring your picnic lunch and spend time immersed in the past. Activities are designed for school-age children; some activities have a minimum age requirement. *Fee charged: \$10 for students, \$12 for adults (tickets valid 2 consecutive days).* Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment required by April 20. Call (252) 514-4935 to register. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**May 5, 19 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**May 7-29 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Tenth Annual Mollie Fearing Memorial Art Show. The Dare County Arts Council produces this annual show honoring founder and lifetime supporter of the arts, Mollie Fearing. It features local paintings, drawings, sculptures, photography, stained glass and more! Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**May 9 Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Living History Wednesday. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate chores typically done on a 19th-century eastern North Carolina farm, along with pastimes. This Wednesday's activities are corn shelling and grinding, crosscut sawing, and toys and games. 9:30 a.m. -12:30 p.m.

**May 11-12 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Masked Marvels & Wondertales. Combining the mythical and the autobiographical, Michael Cooper's one-man show extravaganza features his breathtaking handcrafted masks, original stories of courage and wonder, outlandish stilt dancing, and a physical repertoire that ranges from the madcap to the sublime. This virtuoso performance of humor and poignancy, nimble speech and eloquent gesture dazzles audiences of every age and description. Film Theatre. *Fee charged.* 8 p.m.-May 11 and 10:30 a.m.-May 12

**May 12 Historic Bath.** Open House and Bath Fest. Held in conjunction with National Tourism Day, Historic Bath's open house and a town-sponsored arts festival, Bath Fest, will feature free tours of the Palmer-Marsh and Bonner Houses, as well as arts and crafts vendors, music and theatrical performances, food booths, hands-on arts and craft activities for children and adults. 1-5 p.m.

**May 12 Historic Bath,** Croquet Tournament. Join the Beaufort Community College Foundation as a participant or spectator as it sponsors the fourth Annual Cut-throat Croquet Tournament. *Fee charged for players, spectators free.* For more information, call 252-923-3971 or email [bath@ncmail.net](mailto:bath@ncmail.net). 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**May 12 Brunswick Town/Ft. Anderson.** In observance of Confederate Memorial Month, come view the original garrison flag that flew at Ft. Anderson, which is on exhibit in the visitor center, also stay for a presentation about the flag and how it found its way back home. 11 a.m.

**May 12-13 Ft. Dobbs.** Fortifying the Post. Soldiers of Capt. Hugh Waddell's Frontier Company began construction of the defenses of F. Dobbs in the spring of 1756. This reenactment will feature the company beginning the construction of the fort's defenses and readying themselves for war.

**May 12, 26 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

**May 13 Historic Stagville.** Mothers Day Tea. Honor your mother with an 1815 tea in the historic Bennehan House. Three seatings available: 10 a.m., 1 p.m. and 4 p.m. RSVP required, space limited. *Fee charged: \$10 per person.*

**May 15 Historic Edenton.** National Tourism Day. Guided tours of the Iredell House throughout the day.

**May 16 Alamance Battleground.** 236th Anniversary of the Battle of Alamance. A wreath-laying ceremony, covered-dish picnic, and special program. 6-9 p.m.

**May 16, 23, and 30 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** "Bloody Mary and The Virgin Queen". This production is a humorous musical farce based on the relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and her half-sister, Mary Tudor. The two loathed one another and yet are buried in the same tomb in London's Westminster Abbey. The production takes place in the tomb, in the present day. Film Theatre. 3 p.m.

**Mid-May to end of June Historic Bath.** East Carolina University Field School in Archaeology. During the week, visitors can watch and learn about how archaeologists work as college students assist East Carolina University Archaeologist Dr. Charles Ewen and Historic Bath uncover Bath's buried history.

**May 17 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *The Importance of Being Earnest* (2002). In 1890s London, two friends use the same pseudonym ("Ernest") for their on-the-sly activities. Hilarity ensues. Starring Rupert Everett and Colin Firth. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**May 17 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Lecture Series: "John Caraway and William Henry Singleton: Civil War to Civil Rights." Dr. Frank Smith is the founding director of the African American Civil War Memorial and will present a lecture and PowerPoint presentation on the theme of slavery to freedom. He will highlight two African American Civil War soldiers, John Caraway and William Henry Singleton, both of whom



were born in North Carolina and served in the Union Army during the Civil War. Dr. Smith will tell the inspiring story of the fight for freedom and opportunity that still resounds today. Visitor Center Auditorium. 7 p.m.

**May 19 Historic Bath.** Lecture. “Swindell's Store: Back in Business—A Historic Building Reopens its Doors”. Ken Friedlin, the owner of Swindell's Store will talk about his current restoration work at this Bath historic landmark. Co-sponsored by the Historic Bath Book Club. Visitor Center. 10 a.m.

**May 19-20 Alamance Battleground.** 18<sup>th</sup>-Century Live-in & Militia Muster. Costumed interpreters re-enact colonial militia and domestic life. Saturday: 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday: 1-5 p.m.

**May 19 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Antique Truck Historical Society Truck Show. Show features trucks of all makes and models that are at least 25 years old. 10 a.m.- 3 p.m.

**May 20 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged: \$4-Adults, \$2-Students.* Reservations required: 252/514-4900. Minimum enrollment of ten. Visitor Center Lobby. 2 p.m.

**May 20 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** South Lawn Concert Series. Craven Community Concert Band. Gates open at 5 p.m.; concert begins at 7 p.m.

**May 24 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Lecture: “Contested Commemoration: The Birth of the American National Cemetery System, 1865-1870”. Presented by Tryon Palace Curator of Interpretation Diana Bell-Kite. The Civil War was the bloodiest conflict in American history. High casualty rates made existing burial practices obsolete, and the dead littered battlefields, prisons, and hospitals long after the guns fell silent. The federal government's response to this crisis was to establish the first national cemetery system in modern history. Reburial agents scoured the South for Union remains and moved them to vast new national cemeteries, where the bodies would remain forever associated with the nation. However, these cemeteries segregated African American corpses and excluded southerners. During a pivotal period for reunion, federal burial practices provided an exclusionary citizenship model. Visitor Center Auditorium. 7 p.m.

**May 27 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Outer Banks Jaycees Beach Music Festival. Fun in the sun and beach music all day. Food and beverages will be available for purchase. *Fee charged.* Outdoor Pavilion. 3-8 p.m.

**May 28 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Second Annual Memorial Day Observance. Remember those who gave their lives in service and honor veterans at our traditional Memorial Day Observance featuring a military guest speaker, an all-service color guard, a 21-gun salute by a Marine Corps honor guard, military band, “Taps”, and a memorial wreath cast onto the waters. Battleship fantail. 5:45 p.m.

**May 28 State Capitol.** Memorial Day Observance. A military encampment representing three centuries of American military tradition will be set up on the Capitol grounds. A wreath-laying ceremony in honor of North Carolinians who served during times of war will take place at the Veteran's Monument. Time TBA.

**June 2007 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Family Focus Month. Visitors who mention WSOC-TV's family focus month in Barber Junction can receive a discount on their train ride. Discount TBD.

**June (Date TBA) Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** Annual Boyd Toben Memorial Baseball Tournament

**June 1-August 12 Ft. Fisher.** Mary Holloway Seasonal Interpreter Program. The fort's longest running and most successful educational program features a college history major giving tours in Civil War period uniform. Tour concludes with a musket demonstration. Named in honor of former employee who was the first tour guide at the fort.

**June-July Historic Edenton.** Summer Activities for students in association with the Edenton-Chowan Recreation Department Summer Camp Program. For details, call Carolyn Owens at 252-482-2637

**June 2 Bentonville Battlefield.** Summer Seasonal Living History Programs. Visitors will see infantry soldiers demonstrating camp life, military drill, musket firing. In addition to the infantry come and see a demonstration of the loading and firing of a three-inch ordnance rifle, a common artillery piece used at Bentonville.

**June 2 Duke Homestead.** Herb, Garden and Craft Festival. This historical outdoor festival features a wide variety of



herb and craft vendors, 19<sup>th</sup>-century games for children, traditional herbal use displays, and refreshments. Visitors can also enjoy afternoon bluegrass shows, craft demonstrations, and more. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**June 2 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Membership Day. A day full of activities just for members of the N.C. Transportation Museum Foundation, including behind the scenes tours, diesel cab rides, children's activities, and an ice cream social for Junior Engineers. For membership details, visit [www.nctrans.org](http://www.nctrans.org).

**June 2, 16 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce. Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**June 4-26 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** The Art of Ila Smith. Hatteras Island artist and children's book illustrator, Ila Smith, presents a collection of delicate illustrations of imagery from nature. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**June 6-August 31 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Museum Store Special Activities on the store's porch. Every Tuesday is Duck Dive, Wednesday is toy demos, and Thursday is book signings.

**June 6, 13, 20 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** "Bloody Mary and The Virgin Queen". This production is a humorous musical farce based on the relationship between Queen Elizabeth I and her half-sister, Mary Tudor. The two loathed one another and yet are buried in the same tomb in London's Westminster Abbey. The production takes place in the tomb, in the present day. 3 p.m.

**June 8, 15, 22, 29 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Friday Flicks For Kids-June 8-"Give Me Liberty"--Join Sarah and James on their amazing journey through the American Revolution as apprentice reporters in Ben Franklin's print shop. Always in the midst of the action, they cover the remarkable battles, debates and individuals that shaped our nation." June 15- "African American Life"--Learn about America's history through the use of large, brightly colored graphics and animations, charming live-action portrayals of historic figures, and engaging stories told from a child's point of view. Sing-along songs with on-screen lyrics and up-beat music also add to the excitement of these programs. June 22-"Colonial Life for Children: St. Augustine"--On vacation with her parents, Tracy takes a journey through St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest permanent European settlement in America, founded by Spanish explorers in 1565. June 29-"United States Flag"--Learn about America's history through the use of large, brightly colored graphics and animations, charming live-action portrayals of historic figures, and engaging stories told from a child's point of view. Sing-along songs with on-screen lyrics and up-beat music also add to the excitement of these programs. Visitor Center Auditorium. 3-3:30 p.m.

**June 9, 23, 30 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

**June 11 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** Second Annual Celebration of Remembrance. To recognize Dr. Charlotte Hawkins Brown's birthday, the museum will host a luncheon honoring the accomplishments of an outstanding community leader.

**June 14 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Pirates of the Caribbean II: Dead Man's Chest* (2006). The continuing adventures of swashbuckling Captain Jack Sparrow (Johnny Depp), young Will Turner (Orlando Bloom) and headstrong beauty Elizabeth Swann (Keira Knightley). Once again, the trio returns to the realm of the supernatural as Jack tries to weasel his way out of a blood debt with the ghostly Davey Jones. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**June 16 Horne Creek Living Historical Farm.** Ice Cream Social. Help the site's staff and volunteers make some "melt-in-your-mouth ice cream" using a hand-cranked ice cream freezer. Then, sit back and enjoy some great old-time music. *Fee charged for food, drinks, and ice cream.* 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**June 19 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Battleship Hootenanny. Join us for the seventh annual Battleship Hootenanny, a concert of folk and pop favorites. John Golden and friends head up a fine cast of local musical groups. *Fee charged: \$10 (cash only) at the door.* Fresh popcorn and sodas available for \$1 each. Proceeds to benefit Friends of the Battleship. Battleship fantail. Auditorium if inclement weather. 8 p.m.

**June 18-30 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** History Fun Programs at Roanoke Island Festival Park. Special summer daily scheduled programs aboard *Elizabeth II*, in the Roanoke Adventure Museum and Settlement Site. Costumed

interpreters engage guests in activities and adventures in history. Special programming daily in the History Garden at noon.

*June 20, July 18* **Reed Gold Mine.** Junior Prospectors Day Camp. This one-day summer program for children ages 9-11 will give participants an opportunity to learn more about Reed Gold Mine and the North Carolina gold rush. Campers will experience what life would have been like for gold miners in the 1800s, try their skills at operating traditional placer mining equipment, design their own gold coins, and more. *Fee charged:* \$25-covers all materials and snacks. Pre-registration required. For more information, call Kim Tweedy at (704)721-GOLD. 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

*June 23* **Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Farmers Day. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate many jobs and chores typically done around a 19th-century eastern North Carolina farm. 11:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

*June 23* **N.C. Transportation Museum.** Learning to Fly aviation program. Explore 1950s-era cockpits and experience the thrill of being in the pilot's seat by trying your hand in aircraft simulators like the "Piedmonster" GAT 1.

*June 23* **Historic Stagville.** Juneteenth Celebration. Celebrate the emancipation of slaves in America. There will be music, food, crafts, and various other forms of entertainment. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

*June 24* **Historic Stagville.** Homecoming. Descendents of the enslaved community at Stagville are invited back to reflect on the past and look toward the future. The festivities will feature an on-site church service, music, entertainment, food, and much more. 1 p.m.

*June 26-August 3* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** N.C. School of the Arts (NCSA) Summer Performance Festival's Afternoon Classics. Students from the school will perform Tuesday- Friday. Most of these performances will be musical except for *Wild Wednesday*, which will feature special events from music, dance and drama. Art Gallery. 2 p.m.

*June 26-August 4* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** NCSA Summer Performance Festival. The NCSA Summer Performance Festival returns for the 2007 season offering evening performances in dance, music, drama and films. Outdoor Pavilion. 8:30 p.m.

*June 26-29* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Summer Children's Performance Series. The Commedia Robin Hood with the Tarradiddle Players .Disguised as a group of Italian comedians, our beloved Tarradiddle Players bring the classic legend of Robin Hood and his merry men. *Fee charged.* The Film Theatre. 10:30 a.m.

*July 1-December 31* **Historic Bath.** Exhibit. "Bath High School: The Role of the Small Town School in the Lives of Student and Community". Though abandoned since 1989, Bath High School still evokes strong memories and feelings for alumni and town residents. Learn more about the role it played in the local community through memorabilia and ongoing preservation efforts. Visitor Center.

*July 4* **Battleship USS North Carolina.** Eleventh Annual Battleship Blast. One of the largest choreographed fireworks displays in the State explodes over the Battleship. View from historic downtown Wilmington. The battleship closes at 6 p.m. for fireworks. 9:05 p.m.

*July 4* **State Capitol.** Independence Day Celebration. Enjoy a traditional, family-oriented Independence Day with a patriotic concert and picnic on the Capitol grounds. 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

*July 4* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** North Carolina's First Fourth Festivities. This day marks the 230<sup>th</sup> anniversary of North Carolina's first celebration of the signing of the Declaration of Independence – the first state in the new nation to do so. Hear the Declaration of Independence read from the Palace steps by costumed characters portraying famous North Carolinians from the Revolutionary era, listen to the Tryon Palace Fife and Drum Corps and participate in thematic and patriotic craft activities. *Fee charged for interior tours only.* 9 a.m.-2 p.m., dramatic reading of the Declaration of Independence: 11 a.m.

*July 10-12* **Historic Bath.** Past Times Day Camp. Children ages 5-10 will participate in many different activities helping them learn more about life in colonial days. Activities will focus on a maritime theme.

*July 10-13* **Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Summer Children's Performance Series. Thaddeus Rex is an acclaimed singer and songwriter. He writes music for children to help encourage them to read and write, as well as stimulate their power of imagination. It is said if you mixed Dr. Seuss, Monty Python, They Might be Giant, and Arlo Guthrie

to create children's media, you would come up with something similar to Thaddeus Rex. *Fee charged.* 10:30 a.m.

**July 14 Historic Bath.** Lecture. "War Zone: World War II off North Carolina's Outer Banks." Along the nation's eastern seaboard in 1942, German U-boats were responsible for the sinking or damaging of 397 vessels and the loss of around 5,000 lives. Most of these attacks occurred off North Carolina. Using eyewitness stories from merchant sailors, Coast Guard recruits and local residents, speaker Kevin Duffus will discuss this assault on our nation. Co-sponsored by the Historic Bath Book Club and funded by the N.C. Humanities Council. Visitor Center. 10 a.m.

**July 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. Reservations required, call 252/514-4900. *Fee charged: \$4-adults, \$2-students.* Visitor Center lobby. Minimum enrollment of ten. 2 p.m.

**August 4, 18 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**August 11, 25 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens,** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

**July 1-31 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** History Fun Programs at Roanoke Island Festival Park .Special summer daily scheduled programs aboard *Elizabeth II*, in the Roanoke Adventure Museum and Settlement Site. Costumed interpreters engage guests in activities and adventures in history. History Garden. 12 p.m. daily.

**July 2-27 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** The Lost Colony 70<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Commemorative Show. Memorabilia associated with this long-running theatrical production's history will be featured. The Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**July 3-6 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Summer Children's Performance Series. Amikaeyla & the Elephant Child, This setting of Rudyard Kipling's classic story is superbly rendered and a wondrously imaginative interpretation of the Elephant Child's quest for knowledge and truth. At the heart of the performance is award-winning singer, percussionist and storyteller, Amikaeyla Proudfoot Gaston, whose performed at the inaugural Festival of Scared Chanting and Singing at the request of the Dalai Lama of Tibet. *Fee charged.* 10:30 a.m.

**July 6, 13, 20, 27 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Friday Flicks For Kids. July 6: "Follow the Drinking Gourd"--Based on the traditional American folksong, this compelling tale recounts the daring adventures of one family's escape from slavery via the Underground Railroad. This touching story captures all the drama of a perilous flight to freedom. July 13: "Colonial Life For Children: Plimoth Plantation"-Tracy and Greg, wondering what life for the Pilgrims was really like, blast back in time to the original Plimoth Plantation of 1620, the first colonial settlement in southern New England. Follow along as they learn about daily life and culture, the roles of Pilgrim men and women, the voyage of the *Mayflower* and the importance of the Mayflower Compact. July 20: "Gospel of Liberty"-The revivals of the Great Awakening shook Britain's North American colonies from spiritual slumber during the 1730s, 1740s, and 1750s. In Virginia it touched men and women whose spiritual needs had been too long neglected by the legally established Anglican Church. In homes, in meetinghouses, and in open fields, rich and poor, black and white, men and women mingled to hear emotional messages of a personal God and salvation. July 27: "Old Sturbridge Village"-Step back in time to rural New England in the 1830s in this historical Video Tours adventure. In Old Sturbridge Village, you'll become part of "living history" as pieces from our past are once again assembled into reality. Visitor Center Auditorium. 3-3:30 p.m.

**July 7, 21 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**July 14, 28 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

**July 19 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Anne of Green Gables* (1986). An orphan girl, sent to an elderly

brother and sister by mistake, charms her new home and community with her fiery spirit and imagination. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**July 21 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Cub Scout Day. Cub Scouts ride the train in the morning, then earn their geography pin and belt loop during afternoon workshops. *Fee charged*, pre-registration required. Contact Brian Moffitt at 704/636-2889, ext. 257.

**July 21 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Early Ford Show. See some of the earliest cars to traverse the country, before paved roads, air conditioning and power steering. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**July 28 Ft. Fisher.** Summer Artillery Shoot. Staff and volunteers dress in period Civil War uniforms to shoot the fort's cannons. *Cannons are loud. Bring ear plugs.* 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**July 31-August 3 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Summer Children's Performance Series: "New Kid by the Tarradiddle Players". "New Kid" is a story of a young boy named Nick who leaves the fictitious country of Homeland and comes to America with his parents. He feels isolated and confused by the language and customs of the new land. This feeling is dramatized by the theatrical device of having the Americans speak gibberish and the Homelanderers speak English. Using humor and sensitivity, New Kid deals realistically with situations where people hold prejudices against people who are "different". *Fee charged.* 10:30 a.m.

**August Historic Edenton.** Beat the Heat-Colonial Coping Strategies. Guided tours of the Iredell House with emphasis on these methods. *Fee charged.* For details, call 252-482-2637.

**August 1-16 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** History Fun Programs. Special summer daily scheduled programs aboard *Elizabeth II*, in the Roanoke Adventure Museum and Settlement Site. Costumed interpreters engage guests in activities and adventures in history. *Fee charged.* Noon.

**August 2-29 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Watercolors by George Cheeseman. This local artist creates landscapes, still lives and figurative scenes in watercolor. Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**August 3, 10, 17 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Friday Flicks For Kids-August 3: "The Lewis and Clark Expedition". Two hundred years ago, the land west of the Mississippi River was a vast wilderness. In 1803, Pres. Thomas Jefferson mounted an expedition befriend the Indians who lived there and map an easy way across the American continent. August 3: "Slavery & Plantation Life". In the early 1600s, settlers began arriving on the shores of America eager to establish farms and build settlements. Some other immigrants, however, were brought over against their will and forced to work as slaves on large plantations. This is the story of these two separate classes of Americans, and how they built the South into the most successful farming region in the world. August 10: "Colonial Life for Children: Jamestown". While doing research for a school project on the Jamestown settlement in Virginia, Greg gets zapped into the Internet and finds himself at the historic site itself! Colonial interpreters at Jamestown help answer his questions about the early days of the English colony and struggles for food, water and shelter. August 17: "Rivers & Dams". Flooding has always been a serious problem for people living near America's rivers. Each spring, thousands are threatened with dangerous floods. Over the years, many people have been killed. Scientists and engineers are constantly devising new ways to control rivers and end flooding. Here are some of the ways they do it. August 17: "The Great Steamboat Race". Through the words and memories of young Jinny Williams, we travel up the Mississippi River during the Great Steamboat Race of 1870. Along the way we learn how a simple experiment by Robert Fulton in 1811 begat one of early America's most important forms of transportation. Whether carrying passengers in opulent splendor or cotton stacked to her top deck, the steamboat was the ultimate means of travel in her day. Visitor Center Auditorium. 3-3:30 p.m.

**August 4 N.C. Transportation Museum.** All Ford Show. All years and models of Fords are welcome for this annual show. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**August 4-5 CSS Neuse.** Birthday of Governor Caswell Revolutionary War Encampment. A program featuring 18<sup>th</sup> century activities including British army drill and musket firing demonstrations, period games, nautical displays, cooking, fashion, and more. Time TBA.

**August 4-5 House in the Horseshoe.** 28th Annual Revolutionary War Battle Reenactment. Reenactment of the 1781 skirmish at the house between Loyalist (Tory) and Rebel (Whig) militias. Encampment of soldiers and families, artillery and small arms demonstrations, craft demonstrations. 4 p.m., Saturday and 2 p.m., Sunday.

**August 11 Reed Gold Mine.** N.C. Open Gold Panning Competition. Participants test their speed-panning skills. Prizes are awarded to the top three winners in adult and junior Divisions. Registration begins at 9 a.m. Competition begins at 12 p.m. *Fee charged* for participants only. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**August 11-12 Ft. Dobbs.** Guarding the Frontier. It is 1756, the frontier is open to Indian attack and tensions are high. The soldiers of the frontier company keep watch and provide a refuge to settlers who are in danger. The men will be going about the routine of a soldier's life, cleaning equipment, drilling, posting guards. Come and ask the soldiers what life was like guarding the frontier of North Carolina. Time TBA.

**August 16 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Glory* (1989). This Academy Award-winning war film follows the first group of African Americans to serve in combat during the Civil War. Featuring Denzel Washington and Morgan Freeman. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**August 18 Bentonville Battlefield.** Summer Seasonal Living History Program. Visitors will see infantry soldiers demonstrating camp life, military drill, musket firing. Besides the infantry, a demonstration of the loading firing of a three-inch ordnance rifle, a common artillery piece used at Bentonville, will take place.

**August 19 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged: \$4-Adults, \$2-Students.* Reservations required: 252/514-4900. Minimum enrollment of ten. Visitor Center Lobby. 2 p.m.

**September 1 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Plymouth Club Car Show. Mopar enthusiasts can display their Plymouth, Chrysler, Dodge or Jeep model vehicles, or check out what other collectors are showing. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**September 1, 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**September 3 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Stanly-Spaight Duel Reenactment. New Bern Academy Green. Tour the New Bern Academy and then watch a recreation of the September 5, 1802 Stanly-Spaight duel unfold before your eyes. In this historical reenactment of a duel between 19<sup>th</sup>-century New Bern political rivals, costumed characters will fire reproduction flintlock pistols. New Bern Academy Museum. Academy Tours: 1-4 p.m. Duel: 4 p.m.

**September 8 Duke Homestead.** Tobacco Harvest Festival and Mock Auction. Come see costumed interpreters demonstrate traditional tobacco harvesting, stringing and curing. Hear the sounds of the sale at the only auction left in Durham. Visitors can also enjoy historical games, music and refreshments. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**September 8 Horne Creek Living Historical Farm.** From Peel to Pie. Activities include cidermaking, apple peeling contests, fruit drying techniques, a display of Southern heritage apples, apple butter, apple cider, and fried pies. Discussions with Lee Calhoun on orchard traditions and techniques and tours of the Southern Heritage Apple Orchard will also be featured. Apple products available at the Country Store. *Fee charged* for food and drinks. 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**September 8, 22, 29 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

**September 15 Historic Bath.** Lecture. "The Inventive Mr. Franklin." Join Bath resident Jimmy Edwards, resplendent in colonial garb, as he discusses the inventions of founding father Benjamin Franklin. Co-sponsored by the Historic Bath Book Club. Visitor Center. 10 a.m.

**September 16 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged: \$4-Adults, \$2-Students.* Reservations required: 252/514-4900. Minimum enrollment of ten. Visitor Center Lobby. 2 p.m.

**September 20 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Ladies in Lavender* (2004). Two sisters befriend a mysterious foreigner who washes up on the beach of their 1930's Cornish seaside village. Features Dame Judi Dench and

Maggie Smith. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**September 22 Town Creek Indian Mound.** Astronomy Event-The Last Summer Night. Bring your telescope, blanket, or simple curiosity to enjoy the last official night of summer. The site telescope will be available for viewing planets, nebulae, etc. Milky Way is most visible at this time of year. Call 910/439-6802 to register.

**September 24-25 Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** It's About Time. This program for school age children highlights North Carolina's history and heritage by through two days of presentations and demonstrations by area museums, parks, and state historic sites. Rifle demonstrations, colonial era games, blacksmithing, farming and wildlife exhibits, and 19-th century chores are regular features. To sign up, interested teachers may call 336/449-4846.

**September 28-30, Oct. 5-7 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Day Out With Thomas™. A working Thomas the Tank Engine steam locomotive visits the museum, with a variety of entertainment events geared toward young children. *Fee charged*, tickets required. Time TBA.

**September 29 Bennett Place.** Fall Living History Event. Civil War home front displays, domestic skills, children's games and music. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**October-November Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Living History Wednesday. Costumed interpreters will demonstrate chores typically done on a 19th century eastern North Carolina farm. Activities TBA. 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

**October Mondays Historic Edenton.** Fourth grade students will have an opportunity to have hands-on experiences with games, chores and domestic skills of the Colonial Era with an opportunity to make and take home their own handiwork. *Fee charged*. Reservations required. For information, call Carolyn Owens at 252/482-2637.

**October-November Brunswick Town/Fort Anderson.** The annual Heritage Days event will take place in late October and early November. Area students may view and participate in 18<sup>th</sup> century crafts and demonstrations while experiencing the colonial lifestyle. This is a community-in-schools program with the Brunswick County School System. Exact dates and times TBA.

**October 3-7 Thomas Wolfe Memorial.** Thomas Wolfe Festival. Celebrating the life and literary legacy of one of America's great 20th century writers. Concerts, dramas and lectures highlight this event. Time TBA.

**October 6 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Home School Day. North Carolina's Natural History. Home-school families enjoy interactive activities as well as tours of the palace and three other historic homes in this popular event. Bring your picnic lunch and spend time immersed in the past. Activities are designed for school-age children; some activities have a minimum age requirement. *Fee charged: \$10 for students, \$12 for adults* (tickets valid 2 consecutive days). Space is limited; pre-registration and pre-payment required by April 20. Call 252/514-4935 to register. 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

**October 6 Bentonville Battlefield.** Civilian Living History Program. This program demonstrates daily activities of farm life in the mid-19th century including open hearth cooking, spinning, weaving, natural dyeing and more.

**October 6-7 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Elizabethan Tymes: A Country Faire. The event will be held, rain or shine. *Fee charged*. 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**October 6, 7, 8, Town Creek Indian Mound.** Archaeological Field Project. Witness digging, sifting soil to recover artifacts, troweling, and mapping with a laser transit. Demonstrations of remote sensing methods and surveying techniques will be given. Groups must register in advance.

**October 6, 13, 20 and 27 Historic Bath.** hiSTORY Hour. Every Saturday morning in October, children ages 4-10 are invited to come learn about history through stories and activities. *Fee charged: \$.50 per child per session*. For more information, call 252/ 923-3971 or email [bath@ncmail.net](mailto:bath@ncmail.net). 10-11 a.m.

**October 6, 20 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlord know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**October 8-12 Alamance Battleground.** Colonial Living Week. A week-long recreation of colonial life for school

students and general public. Group reservations required. Call 336/227-4785 for reservations. 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**October 10-13 and 16 -17. Town Creek Indian Mound.** Eastern Woodlands Program for scheduled groups only. Participants will witness open hearth cooking, see reproduction tools and clothing and learn what life was like in North Carolina during the Woodland Period (1000BC-1200AD). *Fee charged: \$3 per participant; groups must register in advance.* Time TBA.

**October 14-15, Town Creek Indian Mound.** Eastern Woodlands Weekend for general public. Visitors will witness open hearth cooking, flint knapping, arrow manufacture, pottery and cordage demonstrations, and hear American Indian stories/legends. 10-4 Saturday, 1-4 Sunday. Contact the site for more information 910/439-6802.

**October 12 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Fabulous Fantail Family Film Favorite. Enjoy a family film favorite on the deck of the ship, just like her crew. Movie TBA. *Fee charged: \$1, available at the door only.* Fresh popcorn and sodas are \$1. 7 p.m.

**October 12-14 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** MUMfest Weekend. Visitors will enjoy the beauty of thousands of chrysanthemums in the palace gardens. The Fall Heritage Plant Sale offers the opportunity to buy unique, rare, and historic plants for display in home gardens. Master gardeners will be on hand to answer planting questions. Free garden admission and daily tours, *fee charged for interior tours.* Gardens open 9 a.m.-6 p.m. Friday and Saturday, and 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Sunday. Sale hours are 9 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday and Saturday.

**October 13 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Antique Automobile Club of America Show. Members-only car show. Spectators are welcome. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**October 13, 27 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay . 11 a.m.

**October 18 Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *Babette's Feast* (1987). Two sisters turn down a chance to leave their Danish town, instead staying to care for their pastor father and his small church. Thirty-five years later, a French woman seeks refuge and the sisters take her in. The feast the woman prepares in gratitude is eclipsed only by her secret. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.

**October 18 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** African American Historic Downtown Walking Tour. Learn about 300 years of African American history on a walking tour of New Bern's historic district. This tour lasts approximately 90 minutes and covers 16 blocks. *Fee charged: \$4-adults, \$2-students.* Reservations required: 252/514-4900. Minimum enrollment of ten. Visitor Center Lobby. 2 p.m.

**October 19, 20, 26, 27 Reed Gold Mine.** The Bloody Reign of the Mad Miner. Featured attractions at the annual Halloween event include a haunted mine, hayrides, ghost stories around a campfire, and performances by Chaz the Magician. Donations are requested for mine tours and hayrides. Concessions available for purchase. 7-11 p.m.

**October 20 Battleship USS North Carolina.** Battleship Alive. Watch and interact with World War II living history interpreters as they bring the ship to life by enacting daily duties and drills. An excellent field trip opportunity for families and groups! 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

**October 20 Duke Homestead.** An Evening at the Homestead. Join the Duke Homestead Junior Interpreters for an afternoon program featuring traditional music, wagon rides, fall foods, and 19<sup>th</sup> century games. 2-6 p.m.

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**Oct. 29-31 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Trick or Train Haunted Roundhouse Tours. Meet the ghosts of Southern Railway during night tours of the Roundhouse. Includes an eerie train ride. *Fee charged.* Times TBA.

**October 20 Horne Creek Living Historical Farm.** Annual Cornshucking Frolic. A traditional rural frolic featuring the harvesting, shucking, shelling, and grinding of corn. Cider making, quilting, cooking, woodworking, wagon rides, and traditional music featured. Numerous craft demonstrations also featured. Wonderful products and gifts available at our country store. Donation requested for admission. Food sponsored by the N.C. Living Historical



Farm Committee. *Fee charged for food and drinks.* 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**October 21 Town Creek Indian Mound.** Astronomy Event. Bring your telescope and sense of wonder as we view the Cygnus and Diffuse Nebulae. Site telescope available for viewing heavenly sights. Call 910/439-6802 to register.

**October 26-28 Ft. Dobbs.** Trade Fair. This event focuses on the hundreds of civilians whose lives were disrupted by the French and Indian War. Living historians portraying Indians, tradesmen, farmers, militia, soldiers and others will mass around the fort giving a snapshot of life in Western North Carolina in the middle of the French and Indian war. The event will feature an Indian raid as well as a continuation of the lecture series. Times TBA.

**November Hawkins Brown Museum.** 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. The museum will celebrate 20 years of being a North Carolina state historic site. A symposium focusing on historic preservation in the African American community will be conducted and a banquet honoring the persons instrumental in the museum's development will be held. Date TBA.

**November Historic Edenton.** Walking tours featuring Edenton's diverse architectural styles. Each Wednesday. *Fee charged.* For details, call 252/482-2637.

**November 2-4 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Rail Camp Boy Scouts Weekend. Boy Scout troops camp out at the site for the weekend, learn about the railroad in North Carolina, and earn their Railroading Merit Badge. The weekend fills up quickly, so make your reservations early. *Fee charged,* pre-registration required. Call Brian Moffitt at 704-636-2889, ext. 257.

**November 3, 17 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**November 4 Town Creek Indian Mound.** Astronomy Event. View SkyTheater© DVD program on the Leonid Meteor Shower (visible Nov. 14-17) and get info on Mercury's upcoming transit of the sun. View the Andromeda Galaxy and other objects through site telescope. Contact the site at 910/439-6802 to register. Time TBA.

**November 5-December 31 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Pocosin Arts Show. Arts and craft in a variety of media will be presented by Pocosin Arts of Columbia. Works in hand-spun fiber, clay, woodworking and more! Art Gallery. Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**November 8 Town Creek Indian Mound.** Mercury Transits the Sun. Watch as Mercury transits (passes in front of) the sun. Site will provide telescopes with protective solar filters. Never look directly into the sun with or without an unprotected telescope. Contact the site at 910/439-6802 to register.

**November 9-11 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Front porch sale in the Museum Store. This popular annual event offers many exciting discounts. 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

**November 10-11 Ft. Dobbs.** Food at the Fort. By November, the frontier company had spent the year at the fort and was preparing for the winter. At this event, see the rations a soldier was issued and learn about how they supplemented their diets. Learn how a soldier's food prepared him for his job and how does his diet compared to ours?

**November 10, 24 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay . 11 a.m.

**November 11 Battleship USS North Carolina.** 9th Annual Battleship Half Marathon and 5K. This challenging USATF-certified race starts and finishes at the battleship, encompassing three bridges and Greenfield Lake. This race is presented by Ed Fore supported by over 100 volunteers. Funds benefit the Battleship and the Wilmington Family YMCA. To sign up contact the YMCA at 910/251-9622 Ext. 224, [www.battleshiphalfmarathon.active.com](http://www.battleshiphalfmarathon.active.com) or [edfore@bellsouth.net](mailto:edfore@bellsouth.net). 8 a.m.

**November 12 State Capitol.** Veterans' Day Parade and Ceremony. A parade, wreath-laying ceremony, and patriotic concert will honor the state's veterans. Parade: 9:30 a.m.; ceremony: 11 a.m.

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**November 17 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** Manteo Rotary Rockfish Rodeo held in the Outdoor Pavilion. A fishing tournament sponsored by the Manteo Rotary. Time TBA.

**November 17-18 CSS Neuse.** Annual Civil War encampment. This weekend living history program includes the Civil War Navy, Marine Corps, and artillery. Activities include period nautical skills and crafts, uniform and weapon displays and artillery demonstrations. Time TBA.

**November 18 Historic Stagville.** Fall Tea. Enjoy the season with an 1815 tea in the historic Bennehan House. Three seatings: 10 a.m., 1 p.m., and 4 p.m., RSVP required, space limited. *Fee charged: \$10 per person.*

**November 23-24 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** New Bern Occupied. Join us for a Thanksgiving weekend at Tryon Palace with all the bounty that history has to offer. Travel back to Union-occupied New Bern and see how soldiers and civilians experienced the Thanksgiving holiday during a period of war and strife. 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

**December 1 Bentonville Battlefield.** A Civil War Christmas. Visitors will be able to help reenactors string popcorn and cranberries, place homemade ornaments on a Christmas tree and enjoy homemade cookies and apple cider.

**December 1 Reed Gold Mine.** A Golden Christmas. Come enjoy the only Christmas candlelight tour you can take in the daytime! The mine tunnels will be decorated for the holidays and special holiday-themed tours will feature how Christmas was celebrated over the years at Reed. Tour the 1895 stamp mill as well. The celebration continues in the visitor center with crafts, historical demonstrations, musical performances and refreshments. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**December 1 Historic Stagville.** Christmas at Stagville. Celebrate the holiday season with period music, costumed interpreters, games, food, and dancing. Events at the Horton Grove slave quarters and at the plantation owner's house are designed to show how Christmas was celebrated within the two communities. 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**December 1, 15 Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** "Box & Cox: A One-Act British Farce". Are Mr. Box and Mr. Cox going crazy? What can explain the mysterious happenings in their London boardinghouse, and what does their landlady know that they don't? Visitor Center Auditorium. 11 a.m.

**December 1-31 Centuries of Celebrations at Tryon Palace.** Daily tours and festivities are accented by holiday decorations in the palace and four historic homes.

**Dec. 1-2, 8-9, 15-16 N.C. Transportation Museum.** Santa Train. Santa rides the train, passing out oranges and candy canes, a Southern Railway tradition. Storytelling of classic Christmas tales and an ornament-making activity are also part of this event. *Fee charged.* Time TBA.

**Dec 1-12 Roanoke Island Festival Park.** 12 Days of Christmas Sale. During these first 12 days, join us for our Twelve Days of Christmas Sale. Each day there will be a new category added with some discounts up to 50% off. The discount will begin on specified date and remain until the last day of sale. Sale is not valid with other discounts. Museum Store. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

**December 2 Bennett Place.** Christmas Open House. Civil War era holiday celebration. Refreshments served. 1-4 p.m.

**December 4 (tentative date) State Capitol.** Tree Lighting Ceremony and Holiday Festival. Festivities begin with the lighting of luminaries and musical performances on the State Capitol grounds. A traditional ceremony with the lighting of the State Christmas Tree by the Governor and First Lady will take place on the west grounds, followed by an open house inside the Capitol. The Junior Woman's Club of Raleigh will host a holiday festival, featuring music and children's activities on Capitol Square, in the museums and on Bicentennial Plaza. *Date and time depend on the governor's schedule.* Please call 733-4994 to confirm.

**December 4, 6 Horne Creek Living Historical Farm.** Christmas By Lamplight. Experience the warmth of a rural turn-of-the-century Christmas. Music and food of the era will be featured. Reservations necessary for this one-hour program. Reservations will be taken beginning November 1 and must be made for one of the following times: 5-6

p.m., 6-7 p.m., or 7-8 p.m. *Fee charged:* \$8-adults, \$5-children 6-12, free-children five and under. Food sponsored by the N.C. Living Historical Farm Committee.

*December 4, 6* **Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Christmas Candlelight Tours. See how Christmas was celebrated in the 1870s. House and kitchen decorated for Christmas. Costumed interpreters discuss Christmas traditions of the period. The Primitive Baptist Singers perform traditional carols. Shadow puppet play in schoolhouse. Suggested donation: \$5.

*Dec. 4-7, 11-14* **N.C. Transportation Museum.** Jingle Bell Express Children sing Christmas carols, play jingle bells and hear Christmas stories while riding the museum's on-site train during this event for school and other children's groups. *Fee charged*, reservations required. Time TBA.

*December 4-9* **State Capitol.** Holiday Open House. The capitol will be decorated for the holidays by the Raleigh Garden Club. Local performing groups will provide concerts of holiday music daily during the open house. *Dates and times depend on the governor's schedule.* Please call 733-4994 to confirm.

*December 5-7* **Historic Edenton.** Period Christmas Decorations Workshop. Students can make and take home a period decoration made from natural materials. Supply fee charged. Reservations required for all groups. For details, call Judy Chilcoat at 252/482-2637.

*December 7* **Historic Edenton.** Caroling on the Courthouse Green. Join us for community Christmas caroling in front of the 1767 Chowan County Courthouse. Refreshments afterwards. 6 p.m.

*Dec. 7-8, 14-15* **N.C. Transportation Museum.** Cocoa & Cookies With Santa. Take an evening train ride to the Roundhouse and enjoy cocoa and cookies with Santa at the North Pole. Get a picture with Santa and hear Christmas stories read by one of Santa's helpers. *Fee charged.*

*December 7, 14* **Duke Homestead.** Christmas by Candlelight. Celebrate an 1870 Christmas during evening tours of the homestead. Tour features period decorations, caroling, hot apple cider, and other goodies. 7-9 p.m.

*December 7-8* **Historic Edenton.** Iredell House Groaning Board. Eighteenth Century style Christmas decorations, music and a holiday dessert groaning board-tables are so heavily laden with food you can almost hear the boards groan. 1-5 p.m.

*December 8* **Historic Halifax.** Christmas in Halifax. The site joins the town in its annual celebration of Christmas. Decorated houses, churches, food, crafts and fun for everyone. 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

*December 8* **House in the Horseshoe.** The House in the Horseshoe will be decorated to celebrate the Christmas season. 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

*December 8* **State Capitol.** Civil War Christmas Encampment. Reenactors will demonstrate how to make period Christmas ornaments, dip candles and train children to participate in Civil War drills. Call 733-4994 to confirm. Time TBA.

*December 8* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** A Historical Punch & Judy Puppet Show. Watch a real colonial puppet show, once performed in Governor Tryon's time. Our version is adapted for young audiences and brings Punch & Judy to America just before the American Revolution. Stable Office Carriage Bay. 11 a.m.

*December 8-9* **Ft. Dobbs.** Wintering in Wartime. Winter slowed down the active campaign season. Learn what soldiers did in winter when not serving in the field and the routine of military life in the colder months of the year. Time TBA.

*December 8, 15* **Tryon Palace Historic Sites & Gardens.** Christmas Candlelight Tour. Step back in time for an unforgettable evening in colonial New Bern in 1770. Gov. and Mrs. Tryon are hosting a 'Grand entertainment and Ball' to celebrate the completion of the palace and the birthday of King George III. The palace is illuminated with seasonal lights and filled with elegant dancers and fascinating characters. New Bern's colonial townspeople have also turned out to enjoy the festivities. The grand finale of the evening is a spectacular fireworks show on the south lawn. Come celebrate the holidays with us. *Fee charged: \$15-adults, \$6-students.* Tickets will be sold for specific tour time slots from 5-9 p.m. 5 p.m. and 7 p.m.: Fife and Drum Corps.

*December 9* **Alamance Battleground.** Christmas Open House. A historical, theme-oriented program for the

Yuletide season. Light refreshments. 1-5 p.m.

*December 9* **Historic Bath.** Historic Bath Christmas Open House. Tour the 1751 Palmer-Marsh House, the 1830 Bonner House, the 1790 Van Der Veer House and the 1734 St. Thomas Episcopal Church, decorated in period holiday fashion. Enjoy music, apple cider and fresh-baked gingerbread. 12-4 p.m.

*December 9* **Charlotte Hawkins Brown Museum.** Christmas Open House. The museum and campus will be open to visitors to celebrate the season. Dr. Brown's home, Canary Cottage, is decorated as it would have been for Christmas in the 1940s. Local choirs and musicians will perform throughout the afternoon. 1-5 p.m.

*December 9* **Town Creek Indian Mound.** Astronomy Event. Bring your telescope to one of the best dark sky sites in the piedmont to view star clusters including the Perseus double cluster, the Pleiades, the Coat hanger cluster, and various others. View video program on spotting satellites. Call 910/439-6802 to register. Times TBA.

*December 10* **Historic Edenton.** Period Christmas Decorations Workshop. Learn how to use natural materials to decorate for the holidays. Make your own to take home. *Fee charged* for supplies. Reservations required for 9 a.m.- 12 noon session or 1-4 p.m. session. To register, call Judy Chilcoat at 252/482-2637.

*December 11, 13, 18* **Governor Charles B. Aycock Birthplace.** Open-Hearth Cooking. Country cooking as well as talks about 19th-century Christmas traditions. 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

*December 20* **Historic Bath.** Historical Film Series. *The Remains of the Day* (1993). Oscar nominated Merchant-Ivory period drama movie starring Anthony Hopkins as the dutiful butler Stevens. Head housekeeper Miss Kenton (Emma Thompson) tries to coax Stevens out of his staid shell, but it's only later in life, when Stevens realizes what his silent response to his master's Nazi sympathies has cost him, that he seeks her out. Refreshments served. Visitor Center. 7 p.m.